

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – September 19 - 23, 2011

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This week is International Deaf Awareness Week. The last full week of September is celebrated around the world as Deaf Awareness Week (DAW). Which organization is primarily responsible for establishing the last full week of September as International Deaf Awareness Week?

- a. The International Association for Better Hearing and Speech
- b. The International Congress on Education of the Deaf (ICED)
- c. The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)
- d. The Association of Visual Language Interpreters of Canada

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Answer: “c” – The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) –

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) has its headquarters in Helsinki, Finland. You can visit the WFD website here: <http://www.wfdeaf.org/>

The WFD calls the last full week of September, the International Week of the Deaf. You can read about the theme that WFD has established for this year’s celebration of DAW here: <http://www.wfdeaf.org/news/international-week-of-the-deaf-2011> This week is truly a celebration of the culture and contributions of Deaf people. It is not intended to focus on deafness but instead on Deaf people.

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